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SUBJ: DETENTION OF US AIRCRAFT CIVAIR

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1. ON AUG. 14, 1975, AT 1530 HRS, EMBOFF RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL FROM ALGIERS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. CHIEF AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER, ACQUAINTANCE OF EMBOFF, SAID HE HAD AN AMERICAN 707 ON GROUND WITH PROBLEMS AND REQUESTED EMBOFF SPEAK TO CAPTAIN.

2. CAPTAIN GEORGE MIKELSONS, AMBASSADAIR CHARTER CO., 2600 SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL ROAD, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., REPORTED AS FOLLOWS:

3. MIKELSONS WAS PILOTING HIS 707-720 AIRCRAFT (N8711E) ON A CHARTER FLIGHT WITH 106 PASSENGERS FROM CASABLANCA TO CAIRO. PRIOR OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE HAD BEEN OBTAINED AND CONFIRMED IN WRITING BY ALGERIAN AUTHORITIES. AS AIRCRAFT PASSED ALGIERS, HE WAS ORDERED TO LAND. MIKELSONS READ THEM THE OVERFLIGHT AUTHORIZATION LETTER, BUT ALGERIANS SAID THEY DID NOT HAVE CONFIRMATION OF AUTHROIZATION AND

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REPEATED THAT AIRCRAFT MUST LAND.

4. ONCE ON GROUND, PASSENGERS DESCENDED, ALGERIANS INSPECTED AIRCRAFT AND REVIEWED LETTER AUTHORIZING OVERFLIGHT. ALGERIANS THEN APOLOGIZED AND SAID THEY COULD LEAVE.

5. PROBLEM AT THIS POINT AROSE IN THAT AIRCRAFT NO LONGER HAD SUFFICIENT FUEL FOR TRIP TO CAIRO. LANDING AND TAKEOFF AT ALGIERS WOULD USE THEIR SAFETY MARGIN FUEL FOR CASABLANCA TO CAIRO FLIGHT. EMBOFF SPOKE TO ALGERIANS WHO REFUSED TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR COST OF FUEL. MIKELSONS DID NOT HAVE CASH FOR 8000 LITERS NEEDED BUT ALGERIANS WERE FINALLY PERSUADED TO TAKE A CHECK.

6 EMBOFF INFORMED ALGERIAN AIRPORT AUTHORITIES THAT AMBASSADAIR FELT STRONGLY THAT GOA SHOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR COST OF ADDITIONAL FUEL UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES. AMBASSADAIR WILL BE FILING AN OFFICIAL COMPLAINT AND WILL REQUEST REIMBURSEMENT.

7. COMMENT: AT ONE POINT, ALGERIAN AIRPORT AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLER STATED THAT THE ALGIERS AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER WAS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ORDER TO AIRCRAFT TO LAND BUT THAT THE ALGEIAN MILITARY CONTROL TOWER AT BLIDA HA ISSUED ORDER. IT IS ENTIRELY POSSIBLE, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF REFTELS, THAT ALGERIAN MILITARY, BEING SUSPICIOUS OF THIS OVERFLIGHT OF COMPANY THEY HAD PERHAPS NEVER HEARD OF, DECIDED TO ORDER PLANE DOWNAND INSPECT IT IN SPITE OF OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE.  
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